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FOREIGN NEWS ON APPLES

THE HAMBURG APPLE MARKET

The Hamburg apple market was heavily supplied with boxed apples on December 1, but barreled supplies were light, according to cabled advices of that date from Edwin Smith, the Department's Fruit Specialist in Europe. Prices, however, ruled lower than the preceding week for both types of fruit. Virginia Ben Davis brought the highest rates for American barreled apples at \$5.11 to \$6.08, but that rate was 24 to 45 cents under last week's range. Virginia York Imperial dropped sharply to \$4.62 - \$5.60. New York Baldwin passed at the low level of \$3.89 to \$4.56 per barrel. Boxed apples sold as low as \$2.68 to \$3.41 for Washington Rome Beauty. The best boxed price was paid for Oregon Ortley at \$4.38 to \$5.35, but those prices were 25 cents per box under last week's rates.

A cable of November 29 from L. V. Steere, acting agricultural commissioner at Berlin, mentioned that apples in store on barges in the river Spree at Berlin on that date were four times the volume at that point a year ago. He reports the trade as estimating that takings of American apples this season will be only half as large as last year at prospective prices, although improved business is expected later in December. There appears to be a fairly good demand in prospect for best grades of fruit. Exports of Russian apples from Crimea mentioned in recent releases are estimated at 150,000 boxes, most of which are going to London, Copenhagen and Stockholm. It is stated, however, that the last German auction of Russian apples will be held soon, and that the shipping season will be practically ended by the time the Christmas trade gets under way. Mr. Smith reports that in Norway and Sweden, the market for boxed apples is in a state of stagnation due to oversupplies, and that Jonathan Pacific Northwest apples are arriving overripe and with internal breakdown. Barreled apples, however, are reported as arriving firm and in good condition and in light supply.

Prices of American apples on the Hamburg auctions, Thursday,  
November 24 and December 1, 1927

Variety and Grade	Origin	Price	
		Nov. 24, 1927	Dec. 1, 1927
		Per bbl	Per bbl
York Imperial, U.S. No. 1, 2 $\frac{1}{4}$ in.	Virginia	\$6.08 - 8.27	\$4.62 - 5.60
Ben Davis, U.S. No. 1, 2 $\frac{1}{4}$ in. ....	"	5.35 - 6.57	5.11 - 6.08
Baldwin, U.S. No. 1, 2 $\frac{1}{4}$ in. ....	"	a/	3.89 - 4.56
		Per box	Per box
Jonathan, Extra Fancy, 163/175 ...	Washington	2.92 - 3.89	2.92 - 3.65
Winesap, Extra Fancy, 163/175 ....	"	3.89 - 5.11	2.98 - 4.14
Rome Beauty, Extra Fancy, 163/175 :	"	3.16 - 3.65	2.68 - 3.41
Ortley, Extra Fancy, 163/175 .....	Oregon	4.62 - 5.60	4.38 - 5.35

a/ Not quoted in cable.

